THE MINISTER OF STATE OFTHE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA): (a) and (b)Yes, Sir. India is the largest producer of milk in the world. The figures of milk production & per capita availability during the last three years are as under:—

Year	Milk Production (000 tonnes)	Per capita availability of milk (gms per day)
1998-1999	75182	212
1999-2000	78500*	218
2000-2001	81435*	223

*Provisional figures

(c) Dairy products are likely to have considerable advantage in exports in the coming years, once the export subsidies given by the developed countries are phased out as per WTO Agreement.

(d) For this purpose of promoting exports the following steps have been taken:—

(i) Standards have been laid down under Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 for export of milk of products. Export Inspection Agency (EIA) has been nominated as competent authority for inspection and approval of plants.

(ii) Regular contribution is being made in the deliberations for formulating standards by the Codex Alimentarious Commission to ensure that India's interests are reflected.

(iii) Financial assistance is provided to the exporters for setting up of in-house quality control laboratories.implementation of international Quality Systems such as HACCP, ISO-9000 etc.

(iv) Participation is made in trade fairs to create awareness of Indian products, (v) Financial assistance is provided for setting up/modernisation/ expansion of dairy products processing units.

Effect of imported processed foods

2119. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the processed foods entering into Indian market from various countries are adversely affecting the Indian food processing industries;

(b) if so, the details of food articles being adversely affected due to open competition; and

(c) what are the processed food articles produced in India, using foreign brand names and the details of the industries using them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OFTHE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA): (a) and (b) No adverse effect has been brought to our notice in respect of processed food industries.

(c) Registration of a trade mark is not mandatory. The Trade Mark Registry, however, registers Trade Marks under the Trade & Merchandise Mark Rules, 1959 from applicants seeking to protect their intellectual property rights. But does not control/regulate the production of processed food articles. 1549 food articles covering a wide variety of products ranging from meat, fish poultry to fruits, jam, dairy products to coffee, tea, bread, biscuits, pastry, etc. are registered as foreign trade marks.

Setting up of FPIs

† 2120. SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many projects for setting up of food processing industries in the country were approved during March 1998 to December, 2001;

(b) if so, the number of enterprises whose applications were received during that period;

(c) how many of those applications were sanctioned; and

(d) how many projects have been established so far, out of the sanctioned projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OFTHE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA): (a) to (d)The Ministry of Food Processing Industries under its Plan Schemes extends financial assistance for the devleopment of the processed food sector including for setting up/expansion/ modernization of food processing industries. 168 proposals, complete in all respects, received during the peirod 1998-99 to 2000-2001 were approved for

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.